

# 1998 Session Outlook

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**McCune**

State Representative

33rd District

Dear Friends:

When I ran for state representative last fall, you told me you were worried about rising crime, transportation, the need to improve educational standards, and the impact that expansion of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport has on our neighborhoods from the East Hill of Kent to the shores of Des Moines.

You and your neighbors sent me to Olympia because I agreed with you on the issues that count. As a self-employed businessman and resident of the SeaTac area for the past 30 years, I share your concerns, values and beliefs. As a commercial fisherman, I am committed to preserving and using our natural resources wisely — to assure a renewable base for economic growth and because I want the best possible future for ourselves and our children.

As the 1998 session progresses, I will sponsor, support, and vote for legislation to make sure that our children have a safe, secure learning environment and that our tax dollars are spent for education, not frills or fads. While recognizing that SeaTac Airport is a vital element in our area's economy, I remain strongly opposed to building a third runway and I will push for more local control giving the people most affected by government decisions a stronger hand in making those decisions!

As a member of the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee, I will support legislation to get tougher with drunk drivers, beginning with stronger enforcement and more certain punishment. I also intend to see more attention paid to the rights of law-abiding citizens than to the "right" of criminals to have access to endless appeals that delay and defeat justice.

Realizing the importance of transportation issues to our area, I look forward to serving on the House Transportation Committee, where I will be your voice when traffic concerns of our area are discussed. This looks to be an exciting year for all of us. Changes are indeed in the works. Your voice is being heard, so please share your thoughts and suggestions with me.

Warmest regards,

*Jim*  
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The Washington state Legislature in 1998 will continue to strive for responsible changes to improve the way government works, making sure that government serves the best interest of all citizens. Among the top priority items we intend to address this year:

- **Continuing to change our education system to make sure every student learns the basic skills and knowledge necessary to become productive citizens.**

We will keep working to reduce red tape and bureaucracy so students will have more opportunities and our schools will have the freedom to meet the needs of every student. We will keep working to provide more choices for students and parents. We will keep working to improve the teaching of basic education. We will keep working to increase discipline in schools and to ensure a safe learning environment. We will keep working to promote parental responsibility and rights and encourage parents to be more involved in the education of their children and in supporting their local schools.

- **Letting working people keep more of their own hard-earned income so they can do more to support themselves, their families and their communities.**

Among the tax relief efforts we will look at this session are reducing the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and further property tax reforms.

- **Protecting taxpayers by holding the line on state spending and steadfastly opposing any attempts to undo or weaken the I-601 spending limit adopted by Washington voters.**

- **Meeting our transportation needs through responsible changes and reasonable budget measures that do not impose a new or increased tax burden on the people of Washington.**

We intend to pursue policy changes to reduce excessive costs in transportation administration and management, to find ways to most effectively use the resources the state already has in

hand. And we will be working toward a comprehensive plan that will be effective in solving the problems we face.

- **Increasing the safety and security of our homes and neighborhoods.**

We will take steps to protect the public from criminals in our communities, including doing a better job of managing, monitoring and controlling those offenders who are in group homes or other non-secure facilities.

We will take strong action against drunk drivers who threaten our safety with a special emphasis on measures that will better identify those who pose the greatest danger and keep them off our streets.

- **Ensuring that welfare reforms are implemented properly and continuing to fight fraud and abuse, building upon our early successes in reducing welfare caseloads and helping people find and obtain the jobs they need.**

What I will vigorously strive for is a government that is more accountable and more responsive, that treats its citizens better and empowers them to improve their own lives.



# 33rd District

# Rep. Jim McCUNE

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Among the many issues we will address during this legislative session, which of the following do you consider to be most important? Please rank them in the decreasing order of their importance to you, with 1 being most important and 6 being least important.

### PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

☐ Voter 1

☐ Voter 2

### K-12 EDUCATION

☐ Voter 1

☐ Voter 2

### TRANSPORTATION - TRAFFIC CONGESTION

☐ Voter 1

☐ Voter 2

### LOWER TAXES

☐ Voter 1

☐ Voter 2

### SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

☐ Voter 1

☐ Voter 2

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

☐ Voter 1

☐ Voter 2

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

☐ Voter 1

☐ Voter 2

## LET ME HELP YOU STAY INFORMED

There are some very specific issues that are of particular importance to the citizens of the 33rd District. Among these issues, the following ones rank high on many people's lists. Please check the boxes next to the issues which you would like me to help you keep informed about during the coming year.

☐ THE THIRD RUNWAY AT SEATAC.

☐ EFFORTS TO REDUCE VEHICLE LICENSE TAB FEES.

☐ TRAFFIC ISSUES DEALING WITH THE I-5, I-405 AND SR 509 INTERCHANGES.

☐ WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS DUE TO POLLUTION FROM SEATAC AND OTHER SOURCES.

☐ PROPERTY TAX REDUCTIONS FOR SENIORS.

☐ SPECIFIC STEPS BY DISTRICT SCHOOLS TO DEAL WITH CRIME IN SCHOOLS.

☐ SPECIFIC STEPS BY DISTRICT SCHOOLS TO IMPROVE OUR KIDS' EDUCATION.

If you have any problem that you feel calls for a legislative solution or if you want to suggest any issue which should be addressed by the Legislature, please write it below and mail it to me. I am interested in what you think. \_\_\_\_\_

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After checking the boxes and answering the questions, please detach this page, fold with address panel out and mail. Thanks!



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

You're invited to attend our TOWN HALL MEETINGS in Des Moines and Kent.

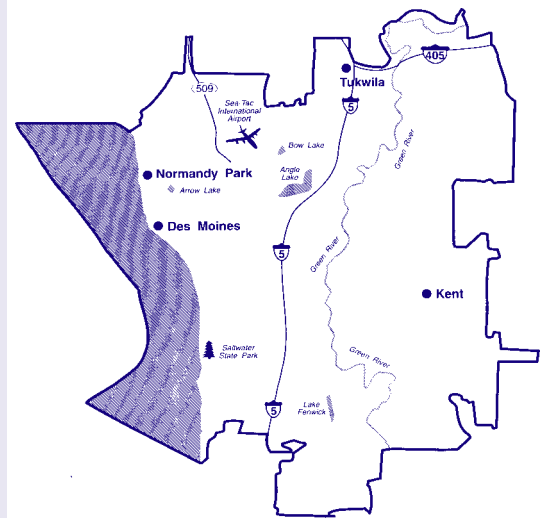
I will be holding town hall meetings to visit with residents of the 33rd District and hear your concerns first hand. Please plan now to take advantage of these opportunities to give me your input on issues important to you and your neighbors. Questions and comments on all matters having to do with state government are welcome!

In Des Moines :

Des Moines Library  
21620 11th Ave. S.  
Saturday, Feb. 21  
10 a.m.

In Kent :

Kent City Hall  
220 4th Ave. S.  
Wednesday Feb. 11  
7 p.m.



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